

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling and excavation of wetlands, stream channels, and open water in Haymarket, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: May 20, 2015 to June 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Toll VA VIII, L.P.; 5612-A Jacobs Creek Place, Haymarket, Virginia 20169; VWPP No. 15-0312.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Toll VA VIII, L.P. has applied for a new permit for the “Regency at Catharpin Creek.” The project is located less than 1.50 mile northeast of the intersection of Heathcote Boulevard and Catharpin Rd, in Haymarket, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to fill and excavate wetlands, stream channel, and open water to develop an approximately 126 acre development site and an associated approximately 8 acre offsite trail easement to construct a residential subdivision and associated infrastructure, including a pedestrian trail. The proposed activity would affect 2.71 acres of wetland and 665 linear feet of stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit would affect unnamed tributaries to Catharpin Creek and Little Bull Run in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would purchase 0.38 wetland credit and 727 stream credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site and/or the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. DEQ’s preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Christoph Quasney; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3826; E-mail: Christoph.Quasney@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.